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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 January 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 6, 22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 6, 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 3, 4, 7-21, and 24-26 have been cancelled; therefore, Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 22-23 are currently pending in application 10/064,950.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
3. **Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 22-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Wasilewski et al. (US 2002/0105665 A1) in view of Official Notice.**
4. As per **independent Claim 1**, Wasilewski discloses a method of transferring a computer file from a first storage media to a blank media, comprising: displaying transaction types for selection (Fig.1, Display; Fig.5, user specifies product or service), the transaction types comprising a transfer computer file from portable electronic device to blank media transaction type (Fig.5); accepting a selection of the transfer computer file from portable electronic device to blank media transaction type (Fig.5); displaying blank media types for selection; accepting a selection of a type of blank media (Fig.5, user would have to select a hard copy, or select desired storage media); charging a transaction fee (Fig.5); processing a payment (Fig.5, customer selects and uses payment option); establishing a direct

communication link to a portable electronic device through an USB port, an RF port, an IR port or an RS-232 port (Figs. 1-3, 5, Camera and system direct link; Para 0056, Kiosk can be equipped with peripherals to read digital image files from various sources such as memory cards and portable storage devices like memory sticks – such device require equivalent ports as claimed – and thus would be equivalent to the claimed general peripheral); reading the computer file from the first storage media; transferring the computer file from the first storage media into an internal memory (Fig.5, Kiosk obtains image data and can be viewed and edited – inherent memory); writing the file from the internal memory into the blank media to provide information to the media resulting in an information carrying media, the information carrying media being an electronic media or a sheet media (Fig.5); and dispensing the information carrying media through a dispenser to a user (Fig.5).

5. Wasilewski discloses completing a transaction with a user for products and services - to include dispensing image products created by obtaining image data and transferring it to a media type (Fig.5, Para 0068); however, Wasilewski fails to disclose completing a purchase transaction for blank media.
6. However, Official Notice is taken that vending a wide variety of goods (to include paper / blank media) through the use of automated machines was well known at the time the invention was made (See teaching reference – CARRIER, US 1723541 A), and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to sell any number of available goods (blank media) that would be easily adapt to a vending/kiosk sales system/apparatus (The system disclosed by Wasilewski would already contain the blank

- media) (See KSR [127 S Ct. at 1739] “The combination of familiar elements according to known methods is likely to be obvious when it does no more than yield predictable results.”).
7. Wasilewski fails to expressly disclose the first storage media being within and controlled by the portable electronic device.
 8. However, Wasilewski does disclose the ability to connect and receive data from a wide variety of peripheral devices (portable devices) through a variety of ports included in the system (Figs. 1-3, 5).
 9. Furthermore, the Applicant discloses that portable electronic devices commonly collected and transferred digital images at the time the invention was made (Para 0002 – Related Art)
 10. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included wherein the transfer of the computer file from the first storage media is controlled by the (a) portable electronic device, as disclosed by the Applicant in the system disclosed by Wasilewski, for the advantage of providing a method of transferring a computer file from a first storage media to a second storage media, with the ability to increase usability of the system by providing multiple ways of transferring data into the system (See KSR [127 S Ct. at 1739] “The combination of familiar elements according to known methods is likely to be obvious when it does no more than yield predictable results.”).
 11. As per Claim 2, Wasilewski discloses wherein the sheet media is paper (Figs. 1-3, 5).
 12. As per Claim 5, Wasilewski discloses establishing another communication link over a computer network to a remote computer, wherein the blank media is controlled by the remote computer (Figs. 1-5, network connection availability).

13. As per Claim 6, Wasilewski discloses wherein the computer network is the internet (Figs. 1-3, 5; Para 0009 and 0011).
14. As per **independent Claim 22**, Wasilewski discloses a system for transferring a computer file from a first storage media, the system comprising: a display configured to display available transaction types to a user (Fig. 1, Display); a data input device configured to allow a user to select transaction types (Fig. 5, User selects product/service); a sheet media (F1-3, 5, Printed Hardcopy) distribution device for distributing a sheet storage media, the sheet media distribution device configured to distribute information carrying sheet storage media ((Fig. 5, Printed Hardcopy), an electronic media distribution device for distributing a portable electronic media, the electronic media distribution device configured to distribute information carrying electronic storage media (Fig. 5, desired storage media); a first media read/write interface for coupling to the first storage media; a payment interface for accepting payment for a transaction in which the computer file is transferred from the first storage media to the sheet storage media or the electronic storage media (Figs. 1-3, 5); and a portable electronic device interface, wherein the portable electronic device interface directly establishes a communication link through an IR port, an USB port, or a RS-232 port (Figs. 1-3, 5, Camera and system direct link) and, wherein the portable electronic device is in communication with the sheet storage media or the electronic media through the communication link (Figs. 1-3, 5; Para 0056, Kiosk can be equipped with peripherals to read digital image files from various sources such as memory cards and portable storage devices like memory sticks – such device require equivalent ports as claimed – and thus would be equivalent to the claimed general peripheral).

15. Wasilewski discloses completing a transaction with a user for products and services - to include dispensing image products created by obtaining image data and transferring it to a media type (Fig.5, Para 0068); however, Wasilewski fails to disclose completing a purchase transaction for blank media.
16. However, Official Notice is taken that vending a wide variety of goods (to include paper / blank media) through the use of automated machines was well known at the time the invention was made (See teaching reference – CARRIER, US 1723541 A), and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to sell any number of available goods (blank media) that would be easily adapt to a vending/kiosk sales system/apparatus (The system disclosed by Wasilewski would already contain the blank media) (See KSR [127 S Ct. at 1739] “The combination of familiar elements according to known methods is likely to be obvious when it does no more than yield predictable results.”).
17. Wasilewski fails to expressly disclose wherein the transfer of the computer file from the first storage media to the sheet storage media or the electronic storage media is controlled by a portable electronic device connected to the portable electronic device interface.
18. However, Wasilewski does disclose the ability to connect and receive data from a wide variety of peripheral devices (portable devices) through a variety of ports included in the system (Figs. 1-3, 5).
19. Furthermore, the Applicant discloses that portable electronic devices commonly collected and transferred digital images at the time the invention was made (Para 0002 – Related Art)
20. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included wherein the transfer of the computer file from the first

storage media to the sheet storage media or the electronic storage media is controlled by a portable electronic device connected to the portable electronic device interface, as disclosed by the Applicant in the system disclosed by Wasilewski, for the advantage of providing a method of transferring a computer file from a first storage media to a second storage media, with the ability to increase usability of the system by providing multiple ways of transferring data into the system (See KSR [127 S Ct. at 1739] "The combination of familiar elements according to known methods is likely to be obvious when it does no more than yield predictable results.").

21. As per Claim 23, Wasilewski discloses wherein the sheet storage media is paper and the sheet media distribution device is a digital photocopier (Figs. 1-3, 5).

Response to Arguments

22. Applicant's arguments filed 1/2/2009, with respect to Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 22-23, have been considered but are moot based on the new grounds of rejection.
23. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
24. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

25. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (571) 272-6807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
26. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300 for all official communications.
27. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination whose telephone number is (703) 308-1202.

March 13, 2009

/Jonathan Ouellette/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3629